

“SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss of emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

The validity of the public debt not to be questioned.

Certain debts and obligations not to be assumed or paid.

“SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.”

This article may be enforced by legislation.

Therefore

*Resolved*, That the said amendment to the Constitution of the United States be, and the same is hereby ratified by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

Ratification of the article by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

*Resolved*, That certified copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution be forwarded by the Governor, to the President of the United States, to the Presiding Officers of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Copies of preamble and resolutions to be forwarded to the President of the United States and to presiding officers of both Houses of Congress.

Ratified the 4th day of July, A. D., 1868.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF THE GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL, SPEECHES OF JUDGE READE AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR T. R. CALDWELL.

Res. 3.

1. *Resolved*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to print the Inaugural Address, delivered by Governor W. W. Holden, on the 4th instant, fifty copies for the use of each member, as in our opinion it should be extensively circulated among the people in every County in the State.

Fifty copies of Governor's Inaugural Address to be printed for use of each member.